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SUBJECT: DOL SEMINAR

1. ON FEBRUARY 17 USIS AND ECON OFFICERS MET WITH YUGOSLAV CO-SPONSORS TO DISCUSS SEMINAR ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND WORKER SAFETY IN IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 1976. WE ARE IMPRESSED BY ENTHUSIASM AND THE ORGANIZATIONAL EFFORT DEVOTED THIS SEMINAR BY YUGOSLAV CO-SPONSOR INDICATING CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN SEMINAR TOPIC WITHIN IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY.

2. CO-SPONSOR PROPOSES HOLD SEMINAR APRIL 27 AND 28 AT HOTEL MARIJAN IN SPLIT. MARIJAN IS CLASS A HOTEL, OFTEN USED AS SITE FOR MEETINGS AND SEMINARS, AND IS FAMILIAR TO EMBASSY OFFICERS, WHO BELIEVE IT MEETS OR EXCEEDS ALL TECHNICAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF SEMINAR. TENTATIVELY, YUGOSLAVS PREFER LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS TAKE PLACE BETWEEN 9:00 A.M. AND 2:00 P.M. BOTH DAYS, WITH POSSIBILITY OF EXTRA MEETINGS IN LATE AFTERNOON 28TH OR MORNING OF 29TH IF NEEDED. EMBASSY SUGGESTS DOL ADVISE US PARTICIPANTS OF PROBABLE FIVE-HOUR PER DAY LIMIT ON DISCUSSION TIME SO THEY CAN PREPARE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS ACCORDINGLY.

3. EMBASSY AND YUGOSLAV CO-SPONSOR WOULD LIKE USSEMINAR
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LEADERS TO ARRIVE IN BELGRADE ON OR ABOUT SUNDAY, APRIL 18.

MONDAY, APRIL 19, WOULD BE USED FOR BRIEFINGS AND MEETINGS WITHIN EMBASSY AND WITH YUGOSLAV CO-SPONSOR. TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY WOULD BE USED FOR TRAVEL AND SITE VISITS, PROBABLY TO ZENICA (BOSNIA), SISAK (CROATIA), AND JESENICE (SLOVENIA). PARTICIPANTS WOULD FLY FROM LJUBLJANA TO SPLIT ON MONDAY APRIL 26. PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS SCHEDULE IS SATISFACTORY.

4. EMBASSY HOPES DOL REP WILL ARRIVE IN BELGRADE ABOUT APRIL 14 TO ASSIST IN PREPARATIONS AND TO DISCUSS ARRANGMENTS FOR FUTURE SEMINARS.

5. YUGOSLAV CO-SPONSOR REMINDS DOL OF COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE SUBSTANTIVE OUTLINES OF SEMINAR REPRESENTATIONS BY MARCH 15 SO THEY CAN BE TRANSLATED AND DISTRIBUTED TO YUGOSLAV PARTICIPANTS. (FYI: CO-SPONSOR ESTIMATES AS MANY AS 100 MAY ATTEND.)

6. YUGOSLAV CO-SPONSOR STRONGLY EMPHASIZES DESIRABILITY AND IMPORTANCE OF HAVING PRINTED TEXTS OF US LEADERS' SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS FOR TRANSLATION AND DISTRIBUTION AFTER SEMINAR CONCLUDES. WHILE EMBASSY IS AWARE OF DIFFICULTY DOL MAY HAVE IN CONVINCING US LEADERS TO PREPARE WRITTEN TEXTS INSTEAD OF LECTURING FROM NOTES, WE BELIEVE ISSUE IS IMPORTANT ENOUGH THAT SPECIAL EFFORT BE MADE TO HAVE WRITTEN TEXTS, EVEN IN ABBREVIATED FORM, AVAILABLE UPON ARRIVAL. WITH USIS CO-OPERATION WE ALSO PLAN TO TAPE SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS BUT PAST EXPERIENCE WITH RECORDING AND TRANSCRIPTION INDICATES AVAILABILITY OF WRITTEN TEXTS IS FAR SUPERIOR IN PREPARING FINAL SEMINAR DOCUMENTS.

7. PLEASE ADVISE IF WIVES PLAN TO ACCOMPANY US PARTICIPANTS SO EMBASSY CAN RESERVE HOTEL ACCORDINGLY AND SO WE CAN EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF SEPARATE WIVES' PROGRAM.
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